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THE SPIRIT BODY.

The Importance of its Perfect Construction.

THE HOME OF THE SOUL

Accuracy, cleanliness, energy, promptitude and economy are man's external expressions of higher principles within, and proclaim the awakening of soul-faculties, of which the aforementioned are intelligent or conscious exercises.

Spiritual perfection is attained thru a physical or material body, as fruits or flowers attain it thru the unfolding of a tree—the effect being symbolized by its flavor, sweetness and utility.

So man's perfection is symbolized by his grace, amiability and usefulness—and the spirit of either is the exact counterpart of the material at decay or death.

Now, the soul is the life of this spirit body as it was of the physical, and stands for intelligence and love—consciousness and creative force or wisdom and executive power.

Thru its connection with matter it creates, unfolds or develops for its future abode a body compatible with the entity outside of the material, without which it would return to first causes or God, so-called.

This spirit-body is therefore the most important part of man, being that which makes him immortal, and it is for the possessor himself to make that abode as comfortable as possible, if he desires to be content or happy in the next life.

There is no other heaven or hell than what this personal abode offers. If it has been constructed on the principles of temperance and justice—in harmony with spiritual nature—the soul will be at ease. If the reverse, it will be discomforted, ill at ease, hampered in the use of its faculties, or miserable according to its disorganization or deformity; and the latter may be due to two general causes—sensualism and selfishness.

Sensualism means all that which is abnormal to the appetites or brain-consciousness—that which is stimulated, forced, merchandized, sported (over-indulged) until it becomes habit or passion.

Selfishness means that which is abnormal to the impulses or heart's consciousness—the law of self-preservation perverted; as avarice, uncharity, bigotry, injustice, jealousy or envy—emotions or feelings that take self in consideration only—and of which either one may become habitual by exercise.

All excess or passion destroys or deforms the spirit, and the soul suffers in consequence. Sensual passion affects its understanding or realization of spirit-life; and it is thus in mental darkness. Selfish passion destroys its locomotive powers, its free movements, its will, which chains it to matter and often to its own body after death, until released by decay or spirit friends who understand the modus operandi. But selfish people generally have compatible attractions, who are as impotent as they are themselves.

The physical appetites are intended for material life only, and to the degree that Nature permits; and which, reasonably indulged, engender principles in the spirit, that take on an impetus, which afford like enjoyments—higher substitutes, and thru which the soul can manifest intelligently. But when passion reigns and the spirit is governed by material sensations, the soul (the man) is miserable. He feels as tho he had got into the wrong place, or as a mortal would feel were he suddenly obsessed by an animal or had been precipitated into an animal body or

into something unclean or filthy. Added to this the mental darkness, and one would think himself in hell, without doubt.

Now, selfishness or the law of self-preservation perverted has other miseries to deal with. In this case it is the soul itself that is warped or distorted; for as sensualism, which permits wrong impulses or actions of the brain to distort the spirit; so selfishness, thru wrong impulses or actions of the heart, dwarfs the soul itself. Neither reason nor love has been permitted to govern, when man has of both innate—being the fundamental principles or attributes of that "divine spark" called soul.

The result of this condition is either discontent, restlessness, melancholy or gloominess, and often remorse for sins of omission—especially by such who had it in their power to do kindly acts and neglected the opportunities. And where selfish crime has been committed as robbery, seduction, murder, or acts of tyranny, the suffering is intensified by immobility, or by being attracted to the place of its crime and there rooted until released by time or the mercy of Nature, which means sufficient individual soul-growth, which suffering induces (suffering being a soul fertilizer) to pull out in search of employment that will compensate for the misdeeds, and thereby pay that "utmost farthing" for fruits enjoyed unnaturally or illegally.

Those spirits who are troubled with both sensual and selfish passion—or have not overcome them in earth life—suffer both states—craving indulgences which they cannot gratify, with a feeling of homesickness for earth life, which is passed.

These unconformable conditions to a spirit are the counterparts of pain and disease to mortals, and often seem like consuming fires within; from which reflections on sensitives or mediums of old, the theory of a burning hell originated.

To avoid this hell, the way has been shown thru religious teachings (until creedalized into a belief in substitute for practice). But all teach fundamentally that temperance and justice constitute soul-salvation. To overcome passion is synonymous with moderation in all things. To do good is justice implied. Purity and love thus embodies everything in religion, and its practice makes the perfect spirit and the rounded-out soul, to which combination (the man) a "new earth" is born; and to the spirit emerging from its hell, a "new heaven" comes to view.

The principles of practice that engender purity and love, are, as shown in the opening of this essay—accuracy, cleanliness, energy, promptitude and economy.

Accuracy involves duty, and honestly conducted, is justice per se. Cleanliness develops taste for the beautiful, and this results in sensitiveness or inspiration. Energy engenders spiritual potency—the locomotive power needed in the life to come. Promptitude leads to determination and self-support, the principles of individualization. Economy stores vitality, but not economy run to seed, as avarice or penuriousness; nor its opposite, extravagance. Greed constipates the soul-forces; extravagance scatters them, or prevents concentration. It is often as difficult to overcome one as the other. Both are soul perversions—one a narrowing of the same; the other a careless exercise of force—a waste of vitality. The medium principle between avarice and extravagance is economy, rationally exercised, and a very important factor in human development.

But all virtues or principles for good, aid soul-growth or expansion. Even patience (a passive principle)

has that effect, being synonymous with the power of endurance, and is frequently a comfort and boon to spirits whom ignorance or lack of opportunity has held back in earth life. But if no active evils interfere with continued growth, such spirits do not suffer, and are content or happy according to circumstances—patience being the virtue which contents them awaiting a future ascension.

The saying that "what is good for the body is good for the soul" should also be regarded in the light that what is bad for the body is also bad for the soul—for we build our future habitation in accordance with the use we make of that body, and our happiness in accordance with the use we make of the soul's intelligence and love—its divinity.—A. F. M.

THE "BLUE BOOK."

Bring Forward the Evidence.

For several years the report has been circulated that there had been compiled and published a book containing names of deceased persons with dates of their deaths and other data by which those who desired to play the part of a medium, could give "tests" and convince the skeptical.

It has been claimed that all mediums supply themselves with this book and rehearse for each performance. There are those who claim to have seen this wonderful book and some of these desire to be known as Spiritualists. To be of service such a book must contain a list of the cities and towns in the United States, and of all the smaller places to which mediums may by chance be called. Under each of these headings must be arranged an exhaustive list of the names of citizens of the past with the leading event connected with the lives of each. It would also have to contain the names of living relatives and their connection with the dead. In short it would have to be a "Who is Who in America," both of the living and of the dead.

To compile such a book would be a tremendous task and its publication exceedingly expensive. Who has taken the venture?

This book is constantly referred to by opposers of Spiritualism, and many Spiritualists give a half way credence to the assertion. As the matter stands it is a reproach to every medium and they should as a means of redress and satisfaction, demand, unitedly, a thorough investigation. Spiritualists should demand it. If such an elaborate means of deception exists, they should know it, and if it does not the slander should be now silenced. We have no fear of the truth. We do not make deception less by closing our eyes.

Much as I have heard of the book I have never seen a copy, and yet according to the stories, there must be many in circulation. Just now I want to see a copy more than of any book in the world. Will not some one possessing it, send it to me for inspection? I promise to insure its safe return. Or if the book cannot be secured, will those who have had the privilege of seeing this secluded volume, send their testimony?

Bring the book into court and witnesses. If this cannot be done, let it be known that the case is decided by default and the complete breaking down of the evidence.

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THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

The Association President's Report.

Officers and Members of the Morris Pratt Institute Association:

For the third time we have met in annual convocation, to look over the past year's work, and to plan for another year. As president of this Association it becomes my duty to report to you, and thru you to the world, the status of the cause of education in our ranks as Spiritualists, and to make such suggestions as may seem to be needed for the furtherance of our cause; and to ask your guidance and cooperation in laying and carrying out plans for future work.

It is said that "large bodies move slow." Our school is not a large body, but it is a new idea among Spiritualists, and is therefore of slow growth. Even the thought of education among the Spiritualists is new. Spiritualists, like others, are generally conservative; they are fearful of new things and new methods. Many of them are so fearful of doing wrong that they seldom do anything more than to put the chocks in on the wrong side of the wheel of progress.

Many have informed the officers of this school that they are ready to assist it as soon as they can know that it is to be a success. When we get to where we can live without help then help will come in abundance. I am happy to announce that all Spiritualists are not molded after that pattern. Some of them, and the number is steadily increasing, are looking upon this school with favor. Some even begin to think that it would be a great calamity to allow the Morris Pratt school to fail. I think it safe to say that the opposition to the school, which was so rampant one year ago is dead with all except a few individuals who expect to profit financially by its demise.

The citizens of Whitewater, many of whom were in the beginning strongly prejudiced against Spiritualism and the school, would now regard its removal from this city as a thing to be greatly regretted. Indeed certain parties having no connection with Spiritualism nor the school, have been heard to boast that Whitewater has the honor of being the home of the first and only Spiritualist school in the world.

Our school during the last year has been small, numbering the most of the time only seventeen students, several of whom attended at the expense of others. All who have attended the school and been diligent and studious have experienced results far beyond the expectation of their teachers or themselves.

It might also be said that all who have visited our school during the past year have expressed themselves as astonished at what it has accomplished. It is believed that the best advertisements of the Morris Pratt School in the future, will be found in the work done by its students and graduates.

By a vote of the directors, Secretary Stewart and your president went to Washington last October to the National Spiritualist Convention to represent the School before that body. Our visit was not barren of results.

On account of a tremendous pressure of business we were allowed only a few moments in which to tell the work, and present the claims of the school; yet we have reason to believe that much prejudice was removed and some friends made for the School. The amount of money and subscriptions taken for the

school would much more than pay the expenses of your committee. Acquaintances were there formed, and others renewed with persons who have become life workers in the interest of the school.

Thru a motion by Dr. George B. Warne of Chicago, a committee of five persons was appointed to come to Whitewater and investigate the school. This committee consisted of Mrs. Caroline Catlin and Mrs. J. R. Francis of Chicago, Dr. Odell of Michigan, Mr. Max Gentzke then of Washington now of Chicago, and President Harrison D. Barrett of Boston.

The Association also voted to help the school financially to the amount of five hundred dollars. This promise has as yet been only partially fulfilled. I would suggest that a committee be appointed at this meeting to lay this matter before the officers of the N. S. A., thru its secretary, and to urge upon the board of that body that the present pressing demands upon us for money make it urgent that the Association now redeem that pledge. While we are duly thankful for what has been done, we with full faith in the promise by the N. S. A., contracted debts on the strength of that pledge made by its assembled delegates at that convention. Our pledges must be redeemed, hence this urgent request.

Probably the reason of this partial failure on the part of the N. S. A. was because of unnecessary fears aroused that we were, thru litigation, to lose all we have here. A few injudicious words will sometimes arouse a timidity which it may take a great many words and a long time to overcome. We have the positive assurance that this fear caused others besides the N. S. A. to withhold their offerings.

That bad advisors are to lead certain parties into open litigation, there is now no longer any doubt. Out of this litigation it is not thought possible that anybody except the advisors and attorneys for those who are to institute proceedings can make anything. As to the termination it seems that no one who knows the law and the facts in the case can have any doubt. But should it even terminate against us, which does not seem possible, the Morris Pratt Institute Association will still be here, and the school will not stop its work for a single week. As Nehemiah said, "We are doing a great work and cannot come down." We surely cannot allow little difficulties to overthrow our school.

The only way to stop this work is by the removal of the present officers, either by sickness, death, or by a vote of the Association. Even in such case it is hoped that the Association could find others as capable and earnest as those who now direct the work.

Some of those in charge of the work have been in too many hard-fought battles to think of either surrendering or retreating before the foes of the work we are here to do. When the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt by Nehemiah, the men had to work with their weapons of warfare by their side. They also continually had a small army of watchers on the outlook. If necessary we can and will do the same. Again I say, our Association and school are here to stay. Should we not remain in Whitewater other localities are even now ready to bid for us.

Let it be remembered that the Morris Pratt Institute consists only of the little real estate we have here. When that is gone we still have the Association left, and it will continue its work. The pros and cons of the impending lawsuit will be discussed in court, not here.

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LILY DALE NOTES.

The City of Light Assembly opens Friday, July 15th and closes Sunday, September 4, 1904.

We have had a rainy week, but the grass and foliage and flowers have grown to be very beautiful. The weather is warming up and all we are in quest of now is sunshine.

The Auditorium is undergoing a general overhauling. New sills are being put under the entire building and ventilating spaces left so as to prevent decay in the future; the floor is repaired and many other little repairs made. The material for a new roof has arrived and will be put on immediately.

A new 60 horse power locomotive boiler has arrived for the electric light plant and will be placed very soon. This is something that has been very badly needed for several years. It doubles the capacity of the plant so that new lights may be added wherever needed.

The Fredonia High School visited Lily Dale Saturday for their annual picnic. They are a merry crowd of young people and we always welcome them at the Assembly grounds.

W. H. Bach and F. Corden White attended the New York State Convention of Spiritualists at Syracuse. Mrs. White accompanied Mr. White as far as Buffalo, returning the following day. Mr. Bach will visit Rome and Buffalo on business before returning.

Mrs. P. A. Foote spent a few days with her son in Jamestown last week.

Mrs. Dederick and Miss Edith Green have been away a few days to Fredonia and Jamestown.

Mrs. H. Smith entertained a few friends last Tuesday, the occasion being Mr. Smith's birthday. Mrs. Ada Davis, who has been ill all winter was to have been one of the guests, her birthday being the same day, but owing to the severe rain she was not able to attend.

There have been quite a few arrivals for the season the past week.

D. B. Merritt of Linden, N. Y., has arrived and is occupying his cottage on Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele of Allegheny, Pa., are here, for the season, and have rented the Green cottage on Cleveland avenue.

Mrs. C. N. Parks of East Randolph, has rented the Mahan cottage on Third street for the season.

Mrs. Covell has arrived and is occupying her cottage on First street. She has Mrs. Best's two children with her for the season.

Mrs. H. H. Hunt and daughter of Conneaut, O., are here looking after their cottage. They have added a great many improvements to it.

Mrs. Emma Huff and Mrs. S. M. Kingsley have arrived from California and are occupying the Huff cottage on Melrose Park.

Frank Melchers, son of A. F. Melchers, spent a day here en route to Washington, D. C., from Chicago, to visit his father in his new field of labor. Mr. Melchers accompanied his son to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, returning Friday.

Mrs. C. Snakard of Titusville, Pa., spent a couple of weeks here cleaning, papering and painting their cottage on Melrose Park. The cottage is also to be painted on the outside. Mrs. Snakard will return accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Barnsdell, to spend the season.

Miss Flossie Griswold has been visiting her grandparents at Warren, Pa.

The Leolyn House opened June 4th, for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Burnham of Cleveland, are at the Leolyn.

Robert Greenamyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Greenamyer, formerly of Cincinnati, arrived Sunday from Chicago. Mr. Greenamyer is accompanied by his wife and family with the exception of two daughters who will arrive later. They have purchased the Ramsdell cottage, recently owned by Mrs. Keek, and will make very decided improvements in it. The family will remain until fall then locate in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark of Fredonia, spent the day here Sunday.

Mr. Crowell of Dunkirk, visited the Dale Saturday.

Mrs. Hyde has been in Buffalo for a few days.

Miss Oliva Phillips of Fredonia, has been spending a few days on the grounds, stopping at the Allen cottage.

The first dance in the series that are to be held in the auditorium every Saturday night until the session opens occurred June 4th. In spite of the threatening weather a good crowd was in attendance. Several couples were present from Cassadaga and Stockton as well as our own dancers and those living in the vicinity. A goodly sum was realized to add to that already on hand to remodel Library Hall.

A lively ball game was played on the Lily Dale grounds near the depot Saturday afternoon between the Fredonia ball team and the Cassadaga and Lily Dale players.

MEDIUMSHIP.

The Value of Mental Phases in Advance of the Physical.

BY ETNA M. HELMS.

A great deal is now being said in regard to developing mediumship. The writer has had some experience and perhaps some thoughts may be formed for good from this article. Some ignore the idea of developing by another's assistance. There seems many differences of opinions. The experience of the writer from personal knowledge and observation is as precise, yet correct as space and time permit.

Those who have a great deal of personal magnetism—vital magnetism or electro-magnetic power—are the individuals who can assist in mediumship; for to become a competent, fully developed sensitive one must first become developed in vital magnetism for different reasons, the greatest being to hold an uninviting influence at bay; secondly, not to hold or retain physical or mental defects; thirdly, to be affected by mingling with different magnetisms. Thus a medium should first become well developed in magnetism, and one who can develop personal magnetism can give advice to aid in the development of mediumship. A very strong magnetiser can assist any mediumistic person to develop whatever phase they may be adapted for.

All, however, cannot have the same phase nor can certain phases be selected. Mediumship is a natural condition, and simply needs practice for progression.

There are also many different rules in regard to the person sitting for the development of mediumship, which experience teaches. One defect which I wish to warn young undeveloped sensitives against is in regard to the personality of the magnetiser. Only people of good morals and true citizenship should be permitted to awaken the magnetism in others. Immoral persons should be prohibited from the practice; for they leave their prints of impurity in many places, and cause disunion in families, casting a pall of vulgar influences over communities, and in all are a disgrace to humanity. Furthermore every one should endeavor to develop mental mediumship first, in that it leads to better results in physical mediumship and teaches the necessity of unfolding personal magnetism.

Princeton, Ill.

Will Dictated by Testator's Spirit Legal.

Spirits were given an official standing under the law by a jury in the Circuit Court at Carbondale, Ill., on the 23d of May which decided that the will dictated by the spirit of Mrs. Martha Young's late husband, and copied by her before her death was legal.

Adolph Young, a sought to have the will set aside.

It leaves 80 acres of land and other property to his brother George, who is said to have engineered the slate writing by which the ghost of their father made known his wishes.

Self-Culture.

Schools educate the mind; Religion the heart.

Sensualism and selfishness are the two fundamental evils that humanity has to overcome. Their entitheses being intellectuality and love, the above postulation becomes self-evident—one allaying animal sensation, the other animal emotion.

Self-culture in maturity answers for both.

We gain no more by looking up than by looking down. We see but effects either way. We must look within for causes or the absolute.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

Dr. Austin's subject, Sunday morning, May 29th, was "The Relation of Spiritualism and the Poets," saying that every part of the truth is a part of the spiritual philosophy. But of what use is any truth unless you make use of it? He spoke of the application of truth to the light, let it shine everywhere. The soul has power to effect others in the body at a distance. True Spiritualism spiritualizes a man. Dr. Austin said there were many who were sensitives who knew scarcely anything of Spiritualism, yet were thru the law of psychic force, inspired by the unseen intelligences, often unconscious to themselves. The lecture was full of interesting points, and very instructive.

Sunday evening Dr. Austin made a few preliminary remarks, concerning points that helped to make a meeting a success. The subject of his discourse was, "Where are the dead and what are they doing?" Various questions were announced and talked upon: "In what conditions do they exist?—Do they have memory of the past?—Are our spirit friends near to us, and can they guide or aid us?—Do they rejoice with us, and sorrow with us as the case demands?" Dr. Austin expressed his views very clearly regarding these questions. He said they were still human beings; that their love and friendship was stronger. He said that spirits in the body and out of the body acted upon us, and mingled with us, and of their interchange of thought with us, even tho at a distance. Dr. Austin spoke of the educational work that was carried on in the spirit world, and of the different grades of life in spirit world, and affirmed that the future world was a world of natural law. The lecture was deeply interesting and listened to with much attention.

President Manger made some very kind and appropriate remarks to Dr. Austin in behalf of services rendered the society during the month of May. Prof. Lockwood was called to the front and spoke in a very able and enthusiastic manner relative to Spiritualism; also, because of remarks and teachings he had lately heard delivered by some orthodox preacher, he spoke somewhat forceful and critical, for the reason that the same were misleading and detrimental to the welfare of humanity.

Swami Rama, A. M., gave a lecture in the Temple, Thursday evening to a fair-sized audience. The subject and trend of thought expressed was on "Love and Concentration," or God and the Soul of Thinga—the oneness with the universal whole. The Swami has a way of interesting his audience, and on this evening gave some very good illustrative points relative to the subject matter of his lecture which was listened to with much attention.

Last week Mr. A. F. Melchers, associate editor of THE SUNFLOWER, spent a day in Buffalo with his son Frank who recently was connected with the Light of Truth. Mr. Melchers' son was en route to Washington, D. C., stopping off at Lily Dale and Buffalo, to visit Niagara Falls. Your correspondent received a very pleasant call from both. Always glad to see you.

Tuesday, June 2d, your correspondent received a very pleasant call from Oscar W. Edgerly, the speaker and medium. Mr. Edgerly was en route to Conneaut, O., to serve the society there during June. He is an earnest advocate of Spiritualism. Press on, Bro. Edgerly, let the light and truth shine and make glad the hearts of those whom you are called to minister unto. Blessed are they who sow the seeds of love and kindness, in the welfare of humanity.

Mrs. M. E. Lane, Addie Reynolds, Messrs. Leo Manger and Chas. Hulbert, attended the State Convention at Syracuse, N. Y.

Reports state that good audiences are in attendance at the Allen-street Church, F. O. Matthews, speaker and medium.

The Wednesday evening service at the Spiritual Temple, was conducted by Mrs. W. Ripley of Toronto, Canada. She is the speaker and medium for the First Society during June. The Wednesday evening meetings are devoted to descriptive readings and spirit messages. Last Wednesday the messages were mostly recognized. Mrs. Ripley and her guides are earnest advocates of the Spiritual philosophy and truths of spirit return, and are ever ready to do what they can to interest and instruct those who are searching for an understanding and knowledge of Spiritualism. We are glad to welcome her and her guides back to the work in Buffalo.

The seance Tuesday evening, May 31st, held at 364 West avenue, Mrs. L. E. Barr and Mrs. M. J. Klipfel, the mediums for independent spirit manifestations and materialization, was not only very harmonious but excellent in results. Those present expressed themselves highly pleased with the service.

D. B. Jimmerson, who of late has been in Buffalo holding seances, has now gone to Lancaster, Pa., to hold seances there.

Inspiration.

The philosophy of inspiration may be gathered from dreams. During sleep the body is sensually passive, and the mind is comparatively active. During waking hours, when the body is sensually active, the mind is comparatively dull.

Now reverse the latter by abstinence, and the same dreams will take place in the waking hours which constitutes inspiration.

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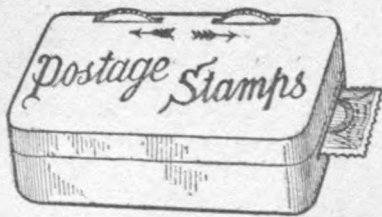
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MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

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I shall perhaps find no better place than the present to say, what is well known to the Association, that Morris Pratt was so suddenly taken off that he left many things unsettled which it is well known that he intended to settle. Among other things was a mortgage of twenty-two hundred dollars on the Institute buildings. This, of course, was secured to us by another mortgage. The first we realized that we were held for the matter was when we were sued for the yearly interest on that money. We arranged to pay it, and also paid the interest last year. Both principal and interest comes due next September. It is evident that we will have to pay the interest and to stand good for the principal. Of course it will in the course of events come back to us, but the wheels of litigation, especially in settling up estates, move slowly. Something should be done either towards paying the principal and interest, or towards paying the interest and renewing the principal. I am informed that the holder of that note does not want his money if only he can get his yearly interest on it. It is hoped that the Association will look after this matter. It might be here said that another party holds the joint-note of your president and secretary for two hundred and fifty dollars, the interest of which must be paid in July. I think the holder of the note is in no hurry for the principal.

The terrible and nearly fatal illness which attacked me last autumn as the result of overwork, effectually spoiled the work I had laid out for the winter, both at home and abroad. I cannot feel willing to refrain from here expressing my thanks to the many friends who rallied so nobly, financially and otherwise to my rescue during that sickness. I take it as evidence on the part of the friends, of a great and abiding love for the cause which I try to represent; also of a personal respect of which I hope to ever prove worthy. Had it not been for the sustaining power received from both earth and spirit friends, I should have had no desire to have remained on earth. Every time I thought of recovery the road to health here seemed so long and thru so much more suffering than the road to usefulness on the other side, that were I to have consulted only my personal feelings I should have preferred to have crossed "death's shining river."

I hope that no one will obtain the impression from what has been here said that I did nothing during the winter. On the first day of January, tho not really able to travel, I went down into Iowa, and did what I could. Not being able to "rough it," as formerly, I worked carefully and for a small salary, and tho I have no bill against the Institute, only for some of the cash actually expended for it, I did what I could at home and abroad for the school. At Clear Lake, Marshalltown and Oskaloosa, Iowa, I succeeded in getting a little money.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors one year since, Prof. Weaver and myself were empowered to employ Miss Agnes Chaffee as a general assistant teacher, at such wages as could be agreed upon. Miss Chaffee has proved to be a valuable assistant. Besides teaching orthography, grammar and rhetoric, she has in my absence taken the entire charge of the Bible class, using such lessons as I have been able to furnish either by lessons directly prepared for the class or thru my books.

Besides the very few dollars I have been able to hand Miss Chaffee and the benefit she has been able to receive from being in a few classes, and her room and board, her wages will cost the school only the insignificant sum of fifty dollars. I most heartily recommend that her services be retained thru the coming year.

Miss Chaffee has now graduated and is regarded as well qualified to go out in the world and begin her work as a preacher of Spiritualism and its cognate truths; also to teach many things in the curriculum of our school. I believe that she is willing to remain as an assistant and pupil of the school.

Permit me to here say that when the subject of licensing and ordaining our workers was up before the

N. S. A. convention last fall, it was decided that candidates should work two years before they should be ordained as workers, but the consensus of opinion in the convention was that two years spent in the Morris Pratt School, with a diploma, and a recommendation from its faculty as to the worthiness of the candidate, should be the equivalent of two years work as a speaker or medium. Also the Iowa State Spiritualist Association voted to ordain no one who could not stand such examination as the faculty of the Morris Pratt School might see fit to give. While we are grateful for these expressions of confidence, we feel that they, in a certain sense put an onus into our hands which should make us careful as to whom we recommend as fitted to take this work upon themselves. Especially should we remember the spirit of the text which says, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." It is hoped that documents in the hands of either our graduates or our students will always signify intellectual ability and a moral standing which will everywhere be recognized.

I have said that a committee was selected by the N. S. A. Convention to visit our school and investigate everything possible pertaining to it. President Harrison D. Barrett was a member of that committee, but could not come with it to assist in that work. He however substituted Vice-President George B. Warne of Chicago, in his place, who came and fully did his duty. Every other member of the committee was here and on duty. The committee came on the 19th day of April, and went home on the 22d. It is honestly doubted whether any committee ever did more conscientious, honest or intelligent work. It not only examined the papers by which this property belongs to the Morris Pratt Institute Association, but it thoroughly examined the teachers and students as well, taking them one at a time. It also witnessed some of the public work of the students. It went so far as to talk with the attorneys on both sides, of the matters in litigation. Of course if I as president of the Association knew the exact report that the committee is to make it would not be within my province to anticipate anything it may do. It is safe to say, however, that every member of that committee is now a friend of the school. It is believed that the members of the committee after the most thoro investigation of all matters connected with the school can be depended upon to defend it against all attacks.

Besides this many others, prominent in Spiritualism, have during the year past visited and taken pains to acquaint themselves with the workings of the school. Among them are Dr. J. H. Randall and Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond of Chicago, both of whom have reported thru the Progressive Thinker. Prof. W. F. Peck of St. Louis, has also visited us and has none but good words for our work. All these people, without exception, went away astonished at the great work that is here being done. Their trumpets will hereafter give no uncertain sound. The opposition to our work will in the future, as in the past, all come from those who are ignorant of the school and its work.

OUR PROSPECTS.

Tho few, if any schools have ever paid their expenses during the first few years of their existence—tho all have had struggles, yet very few have met with the opposition we have thus far encountered. If this opposition shall have effect on us analogous to what severe storms and hard winters do on the oaks, that is, cause them to put their roots deeper into the ground, we shall look back upon our troubles as blessings in disguise.

Our teachers and workers have, for the most part, given their time and services to the school, one or two of them even boarding themselves. There is now a deficit to be met, the amount of which will perhaps be stated in the secretary's report. Besides this we are in litigation, which has already cost us many dollars, and which must cost many more before it closes. This, to a certain extent hinders the work of the school and causes a continual drain on our treasury. But our school is a worthy one; our fight is for justice and right; it has been forced upon us, and Spiritualists who do not assist us in fighting this legal battle and saving this magnificent benefaction of good old father Pratt are derelict in their duty. This battle, instead of tightening purse strings

should loosen them. The time to help is when help is needed. We have both law and justice on our side, and, if we, as Spiritualists do not rally to the rescue we are unworthy of our cause. It is hoped that plans will be set on foot by this convention which will give us the moral and the financial help we need.

If one-half the students attend the school next year who have already promised, the school will more than pay its expenses.

The best schools so far as I know all have financial agents. Mrs. Stewart has thus far been commissioned to act in that capacity, and has done well. We have always, when we have got into a tight place depended upon her to help us out; somehow she has succeeded where others would have failed. It seems to your president that she should be reappointed to that work, and urged to lay her own plans, and asked to immediately go to work for scholarships, for both yearly and life memberships, and also to work especially for the ten thousand dollar endowment fund which some of us feel that we are in honor bound to raise. Mr. Pratt signed a paper releasing us from the obligation to raise that ten thousand dollars within the two years, first extending the time to ten years, and then giving us a quit-claim deed and leaving out the obligation to raise the ten thousand dollars. Notwithstanding this, I feel that we are morally bound to raise the ten thousand dollars as soon as we can do it without sacrificing other interests.

If that work among other duties could be placed in Mrs. Stewart's hands I feel that a start could at least be made, perhaps at this convention. It seems to me that a kind of carte blanche from this convention for her to pay particular attention to raising funds, and to adopt any plan of work that may seem to her best would be good. As for her wages I would suggest that it be fifty dollars a month and her expenses and the rooms she now occupies, or forty dollars per month and her expenses and rooms and board for her daughters.

I would be glad also to see each member of this Association become a committee of one to obtain financial assistance. Our cause is eminently worthy; let us not be afraid nor ashamed to work in its interest.

FURTHER PROPOSITIONS.

We have learned by sad experience that with increasing prices for provisions, help and fuel we cannot board students, setting a good table and furnishing them comfortable rooms at the low price of three dollars per week. I recommend that where a student occupies a room alone the price for room and board be raised to \$3.50 per week. Where two students occupy the same room the price be \$3.00 each per week.

THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Two years experience has taught us that thirty-six weeks is too long a term for our school. Toward the middle of May the students begin to get restless, many of them go home and others wish they could go. They are tired of study, and cannot get their lessons as they do in the earlier parts of the school. Many who would cannot stay for the regular closing exercises in June. I therefore recommend that our school, including the regular vacations, be thirty-four weeks instead of thirty-six weeks as heretofore, and the price for tuition continue the same.

OUR LIBRARY.

As will be seen we have fitted up lower hall as a room for some of our classes, a general lecture room and a library hall. Thru the generosity and skill of a gentleman from the east who spent the winter with us, attending some of the classes, we have a fine large bookcase in the south end of the hall—one, the work on which would have cost us considerably over one hundred dollars. Father Pratt in building a very nice cabinet furnished the most of the material for the bookcase. Other lumber together with hinges, locks, screws, nails, paints and varnishes cost something near fifty dollars, as I happen to know. If this gentleman is willing that it should be known that he did the work, I certainly would suggest that a vote of thanks be spread on the minutes of this meeting for him. This man did many other favors, such as building tables, repairing furniture, making repairs on the buildings, all of which will cause me to hold him in most grateful remembrance. As he is a church member, I understand in

good standing and only an investigator of Spiritualism I do not here give his name.

DELEGATES.

It is all important that this association select and send one or two delegates to the annual meeting of the N. S. A., which is to be held in St. Louis, Oct. 18, 19, 20, and 21. As we have a charter with the N. S. A. we want especially to keep in touch with that body. In fact we should come in close communion with everything which is calculated to elevate Spiritualism and bring it properly before the world. Also it cannot be otherwise than that a proper representative or two can in some measure bring the cause of education before that great body of people. Your president, and Mrs. Hull both go to St. Louis, as representatives of the Wisconsin State Association of Spiritualists, and of course will assist your representatives in every legitimate move made to advance the cause of education.

GRATITUDE.

We as an Association are deeply indebted to all our teachers for their untiring work for the school. When it is known that nearly all this work has been done gratuitously, and that all worked as industriously as tho they were serving for large salaries, it is thought that all will feel a wave of gratitude which is hard to put into words.

Mrs. L. S. Weaver, the noble wife of our superintendent, has manifested as much interest in the school as tho it had belonged wholly to her. She superintended the buying of provisions, also assisted in looking after the work in the kitchen and dining room, always assisting in the labor of preparing the meals, with her own hands as far as her strength would permit.

Among the students, Mrs. Christine Cooper and her son Eugene, and Mr. B. K. Bowen have always stood ready to take hold of whatever needed to be done. Also, Mr. Woodberry, tho, circumstances prevented his staying more than half the term, made himself particularly useful in any place where work was needed.

Several weeks before the close of the school our cook was compelled to leave us, only giving us a day or two's notice. In this case, our Secretary Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, as usual, was found equal to the occasion; she gave up her appointments in Marshalltown and Waterloo, Iowa, and went into the kitchen and proved herself as much of an adept in the culinary as in other departments of the work. By working

several weeks from 5 o'clock in the morning until 11 or 12 at night, she kept up all of her other duties, except filling her appointments as preacher, and had as good a repast three times a day for the students as they had been receiving since the school opened. Thus she sacrificed her weekly salary, and over-worked for several weeks because she deemed that her duty to the school, and her pledge to Morris Pratt demanded of her to make this sacrifice.

I cannot feel that it is just to close this report without giving "honor to whom honor is due," in another direction. Dr. and Mrs. Mehrtens, of Ripon, Wis., and the societies to which they administer, in Milwaukee and Ripon, have been indefatigable in their assistance to the school. They have not only raised money to assist in its work, but they have personally solicited fruit and vegetables for our tables, and even now are at work in their efforts to produce supplies for us during the coming year. A dozen or two of such friends would rob the directors and faculty of every fear concerning the future of our school.

Our Secretary will perhaps tell you of Miss Spalding's work as book keeper and assistant secretary. If she does not Miss Spalding's work will show those who examine the books for themselves. Our grateful thanks are extended to her.

THE SPIRITUALIST PRESS.

A more noble, intelligent and unselfish press cannot be found in the world than is the Spiritualist press of America. Without exception every Spiritualist paper has printed every word your President or Secretary has sent to it concerning our school. Even matters which might properly have been called advertising matter has been published without charge.

Mr. W. H. Bach, the owner and editor of THE SUNFLOWER, at the request of Mrs. Stewart, undertook to raise money to pay off the small indebtedness of the Institute. It was not his fault that the money was not all raised. A goodly sum was raised thru his efforts, for which he has our thanks.

Fully believing in this school and its future success, and trusting in the wisdom and integrity of this Association and its Board of Directors, and pledging myself to work in the future with the same fidelity and earnestness as in the past, I shall Ever Remain in the Work.

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INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

Moses and Darwin Contrasted—Evolution VS. Creation—Truth in Nature.

Dr. N. F. Ravlin pastor First Spiritual Church, lectured Sunday May 8th, 8 p.m.—taking for his theme, "Evolution the Universal Order of Nature embraced in the Spiritual Philosophy."

In part the doctor said that it used to be the old conception of Theology that everything was created by the fiat of God, out of nothing. Man has not stopped to reason the matter. From nothing nothing comes is a maxim. The idea of everything tangible created out of absolutely nothing and according to the Mosaic account in just six days. To my mind a very illogical proposition indeed. In those days the doctrine of evolution was not thot of. Theology had no use for it whatever. It created opposition among theologians. When Darwin spoke of it it made a great furore—Theologians put on their war paint and began to attack the doctrine of evolution. Theologians have made a mess of the book in contradicting evolution. Moses is said to have said, "In the beginning" etc., but when beginning was, no man can say for a certainty—evidence shows that the beginning stretches far back of the Mosaic account. Theologians must have the creation and man in just 6 days. According to the record man was a clay man or better still a mud man. There has been little improvement made on some, however, according to that account, man was made full grown at once, he did not have to pass thru babyhood and young manhood. He was started as a matured man, and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he was made a living soul—now the spiritual philosophy does not teach any such doctrine. We believe that everything is evolved and nothing created, common sense should teach us that. Look around at nature and you will see the laws of evolution beautifully exemplified.

Take the Redwood trees of California which have stood in all their majesty for thousands of years. Trees over 400 feet high and 32 feet in diameter, think you that they were created? No doubt they antedate the Mosaic account of the creation. Such doctrine is unusual, and out of the order of nature. When Darwin expounded the theory of evolution his object was to trace man from the beginning, and he has successfully done it. Moses said that there was nobody but Adam and Eve. I dispute that statement. If so, where did the other races come from? Noah and his family were the only ones saved in the ark, where then did the other races come from? We must remember that there are four distinct races of man, viz: White, Black, Red, and Yellow—they have always existed. Then according to the law of sequence all came from one people. There is no logic in it. There were types of civilization back of the Mosaic account. The account of the creation as rendered by Moses is wrong. Man was not created but evolved. Now we do not follow Mr. Darwin in all his doctrine nor do we believe that man's ancestors were monkeys and apes. We believe evolution to be the only scientific theory of man worth considering as it is in harmony with the laws of nature. The evolution of man transcends all things. Nothing is supernatural. Everything is the result of a law known or unknown. Some may say that we occasionally violate a law of nature. Now in fact we cannot violate a law of nature—if I thrust my hand in the fire a burn is the result. Why? Simply because it is a law that fire will burn—will burn anything—I have violated that law only, but not a law of nature—all law is natural, all events are evolved and man is an exception to the rule—all is the result of evolution. The spiritual philosophy is evolutionary in its nature. We teach a philosophy that is natural. In fact it is naturalism embraced in the doctrine of evolution—the world is progressing, people are beginning to read and understand what the spiritual philosophy stands for. It stands for all truth as seen in nature. It knows no supernaturalism—nothing but the laws of evolution which are just and humane, and have for its object the betterment of man, both here and hereafter.

D. FEAST.

Some people's presence is like music—unheard but sensed in their soothing influence.

Friendly Greetings From Home, Wash.

Dear Friends:—I thank you most sincerely for copy of your paper, and in a very especial way for the baptism of healing that it bro't! I was slowly recovering from a fierce attack of Grippe, and found the upward pull tedious and difficult. After retiring on Monday May. 23 I saw a fire of glowing coals about three feet square, and heard, "A fire is lighted on a new altar for you." With that message came what I called a "healing shower," of which I am still feeling the refreshing benefit! "THE SUNFLOWER" had come into the colony with that day's mail, but was not put into my hands until Tuesday afternoon; meantime I greatly wondered from what zone of earth or heaven the life-giving current had proceeded; on perusing your truly spiritual sheet I enjoyed such a sweet strange uplift into the rare ether in which you as a trinity are, fashioning the shining thoughts you send us, that I did not doubt that was the fountain whence the blessing had descended! Truly it was of both earth and heaven!

How I have enjoyed it all. Your optimism is to gratefully refreshing! Pray let us as Spiritualists escape degenerating into grumblers, scolds and fault-finders, whatever others be-tide us. Thirty steam presses well manned and running all day would not be able to tell the stories of all the good and great things Spiritualism has brought us! I am so happy in seeing that your faces like your symbolic flower are turning ever toward the light, and that you are devoted to recording such of its gleams of its warmth and power as you are sure to catch!

Permit me to send especial thanks to Mr. W. H. Bach for his vigorous turning the search Light toward that scary phantom "The Blue Book." The most laughable, ridiculous and farcical scare-crow yet set up! I am rejoiced also at his trenchant summoning comparison between fake speakers and other mediums! Something that has long needed to be divine! Fool messages (as I prefer to call what are usually dubbed "tests") will forever in this world and in the spirit spheres, challenge and hold the attention of the greatest philosopher, the most grandly eloquent talker, the most brilliant, wielder of the pen, just as surely as they will those of the unlettered, but none the less love hungry crowd! Each of us will learn to select and assimilate that which seemeth good to us.

But I am making what I had intended a brief note of thanks too long.

With love and blessings for you all, and a throb of gratitude to your angel—inspirers and coworkers, I am most sincerely yours of the unafraid.

OLIVIA F. SHEPARD.

And one from Van Wert, O.

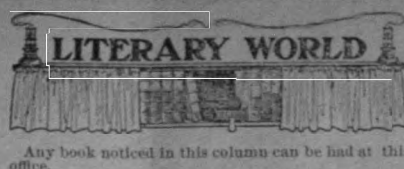
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To be able to estimate the phenomena of Spiritualism at its full and true value, its philosophy must be studied. The phenomena per se, is worth very little without knowing the reason of its being; for, the simple knowledge of a future life is also possessed by the Indian who will leave a seance to scalp a brother mortal, and return to the circle, rejoicing in the deed. Death to him will be no different than to an orthodox religionist, who considers faith a sufficient guarantee to be admitted heaven; that is: freed from earth-bound conditions. But neither faith nor a mere knowledge of immortality will help the spirit beyond that fact. He must know the good of this knowledge, and apply that good to himself in order to attain spiritual consciousness and locomotive power, which constitutes freedom from earthbound conditions and is the only heaven to be found. The philosophy of Spiritualism reveals the secret of attaining this state before transition of the spirit from this to the next life.

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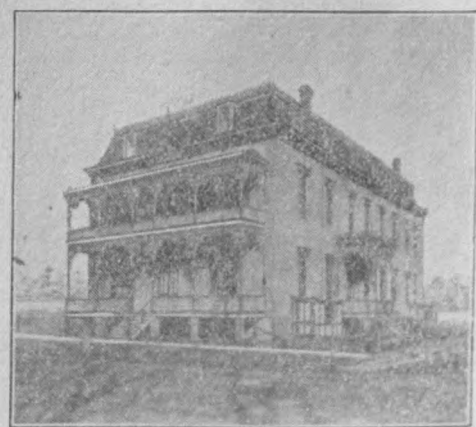
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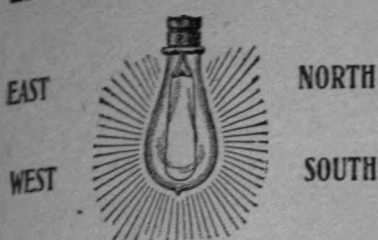
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Lida A. Rowe, Secretary First S. C. of Findlay, O., writes that Bro. Frank T. Ripley, speaker and platform test medium, has served their society for the third time this season, and has, as usual given universal satisfaction. His tests thru "Jim" were excellent, and brought comfort to hungering souls. Now, that he has gone to other fields of labor, may he be sustained in his good work, is the tribute we extend him.

H. F. Coates, president Church of the Spirit, 4308 Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago sends the following:

June 12th—the announcement that G. H. Brooks, the veteran Spiritualist and lecturer, will be with us both afternoon and evening to lecture and give messages, should induce you to be present. The subject in the afternoon will be taken from the audience. At the afternoon session Mr. Brooks will unite in marriage two of our members.

8 p. m. Subject will be, "Why is the soul immortal?" June 19, 8 p. m. H. F. Arnold will lecture. Subject, "Overtones," (Forgotten lessons in Spiritualism.) You must not miss this lecture. You need it.

June 26th—8 p. m. T. W. Sherk will lecture. Subject "The Need of Spirit Guides." Come and listen to the reasoning of Mr. Sherk on this subject.

I take great pleasure in announcing Mrs. Carrie Crawford Pierce will sing each Sunday evening.

I do also wish to announce that Sunday June 12th. will be our last afternoon meeting during the summer. Evening services will be conducted as usual with the best talent possible to obtain. Our church never had a brighter outlook. Come and help us.

D. Feast of Baltimore, writes; Dr. N. F. Ravlin, pastor of First Spiritual Church, took for his Sunday evening discourse May 22d, "The Old Theology vs. The Higher Criticism."

In part the doctor said that the Higher Criticism is now agitating the whole Christian world, many not knowing the import of the term—Higher Criticism. The old theology interprets the Bible literally. Every word according to their belief is peculiarly inspired and the only guide for man on earth. The old theology is based on chronological history dating from the so-called beginning of the world—a literal God, a literal Adam and Eve, together with a literal hell thrown in to complete the program. If by any interpretation of the Bible it could be logically proven that they were simply allegorical it would overthrow the whole fabric of modern Christianity. If one part is faulty all is faulty. Suppose that the chronology of the Bible be not true what then? The whole biblical account would go for nothing. Everything depends on holding to the old theology in order to differ with the higher criticism. The latter is agitating the world—orthodoxy is on the wane. There is nothing reasonable in the old theology. Men and women in this age will not be frightened into the kingdom of heaven. The great mass of the people are thinkers now—free thinkers, if you please. According to the old theology the world is only 6,000 years old and yet old inscriptions have been found which antedate the Mosaic account of the creation. The purpose of the higher criticism is to intelligently interpret the scriptures—to rationally explain the true meaning of the books commonly called the Bible. The higher criticism

seeks to treat the subject from an allegorical standpoint—Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel—mother and father—Cain, the evil element in man; Abel, the spiritual element. Fruit of the Garden of Eden—love, charity, hope, protection, those elements in man. Love is the ruling principle in the Garden of Eden. The first twelve chapters of Genesis are to be treated allegorically by the advocates of the higher criticism. It would completely destroy the theology of the present day. With it would go the atonement doctrine, the trinity of God, predestination, etc., the foundation stones of the old theology. It the true meaning of the Bible was understood what wars would be avoided, what crimes would not be committed. The Bible idea, the God idea, have been the cause of more crimes than anything else. Better had there been no Bible—all caused by misinterpretation of the books. Now what is an allegory? Simply a parable.

The spirit giveth life but the letter killeth, and yet the disciples were slow to understand the parables of their master. The Higher Criticism would practically do away with the Bible. Take for instance the Apocalypse of the Bible; who can understand it. It is written in imagery. No preacher can understand it. When the spiritual faculties are unfolded then some one can reveal the hidden mysteries of the apocalypse. You can't stop the progress of the Higher Criticism, no matter what the result will be. The real elements that hold the church together in this day and generation, is the social and financial interests. The old theology do not hold the people. No man of any unfoldment believes that man is totally depraved. No one of ordinary intelligence believes in a literal hell of fire and brimstone, except perhaps the late De Witt Talmage, who, in a journey to the holy land came to Sodom and Gomorrah and discovered a piece of brimstone which he verily believed was an identical piece that God sent to destroy those cities. Such ideas shock the sensibilities of all well-thinking people. Of such nonsense, the Higher Criticism proposes to do away with.

Take the flood story, for instance. Now the Bible says it rained 40 days and 40 nights, which means 56,000 feet. That unscientific problem the Higher Criticism proposes to expunge. It is a dead issue. The Higher Criticism will bring about a correct understanding of these things. No loss will be sustained. What is not true had better be taken out, and let us have what real truth there is, be it much or little. Of course the preachers will oppose with all their might and mane. If the Higher Criticism prevails many of those gentlemen will have to change their views, or will be out of a job. The big salaried clergymen will fight the matter to a finish. They want to retain their jobs. At nothing else could they command as much salary, and it is quite natural for them to believe everything in the Bible.

The whole world is watching this contest, including Dr. Patton, the famous divine. The Higher Criticism means much for the world's progress, morally and spiritually, and we Spiritualists shall rejoice with great joy when the people will not be led by the old theology as a horse is led to water. We hail all truth, wherever found, and believe that the day is not far off when the old theology will have given up the ghost and the Higher Criticism shall have taken its place.

Dr. E. H. Green of St. Louis, writes: Having arranged excellent accommodations for lecturing brethren to the World's Fair, I am desirous to use my ample platform space which is separate from our sleeping cottages but close by, not only for spiritual speakers and mediums but to attract the world's brightest thinkers and workers to arrange for a parliament or congress some time during the summer. Our large auditorium tent will if needed seat 2,500 or 3,000 people, one smaller seats 400. Exposition closed on Sundays. I invite all cults, scientists and brotherhoods to make their headquarters with me. Our state association will have their headquarters and reception committee here and hold election of officers latter part of July. If these ideas of a free, well conducted auditorium work seem to you push it along brother and let me know when you intend to visit the Fair. With best wishes and highest esteem, I am yours fraternally.—DR. E. H. GREEN.

The Ohio Spiritualists Association has elected the following board of officers: Carrie F. Curran of Toledo, president; H. E. Boerstler of Columbus; 1st vice; Hattie G. Webster of Columbus, 2d vice; C. A. Sollinger, Cleveland, Secretary; Anna E. Baird, Elyria, correspondent secretary; F. A. Dunker, Cecil, treasurer; W. V. Nicun, Dayton, T. D. Belles, Cleveland, W. S. Allen, Cincinnati, and Carrie Bartholomew, Geneva, trustees.

Secretary Theodore Franck of Louisville, Ky., writes: The meeting held at the Church of Spirit Communion on Sunday evening, May 29, was unusually small in attendance. The subject of discourse, "Our Rights" by Mrs. Annie Thronson was appreciated by all. Mr. H. Thronson, soloist sang an inspiring song, "Only a Glimpse of The Face I Am Seeking," and the admirers of good singing were highly elated. The oppressive heat making it unpleasant in-doors, has prompted this society to discontinue their meetings during the sultry summer months until the early part of fall. This last meeting shall close this season's. All please take notice.

Mr. B. F. Underwood As A Spiritualist.

In the April number of the Searchlight (a monthly contemporary, published at Waco, Texas, and edited by Mr. J. D. Shaw), Mr. Underwood has an article which concludes with this remarkable passage:

"My Conviction of man's survival of death (so called) is so strong that it would not be shaken if I stood alone on this point; for the certainty which I feel is not the result of tradition, longing, or authority, but of personal examination and experience, with verification, which no amount of outside testimony could affect. I would probably go as far as Mr. Jameson in putting aside as uneventual much which is claimed as the direct work of invisible intelligences, but the falsity of ignorant pretension and the frauds of charlatanry should not be permitted to obscure the validity and value of such facts and phenomena as can neither be denied nor ignored by the investigator who pursues the subject for years as Crookes, Myers, Lodge and Hodgson have, not to disparage earlier and less systematic investigators.

In the light of my present knowledge, if I had my work as a Liberal lecturer to do over again, I would put emphasis upon the future life, to which the present is but a preparatory stage of being. I used to lecture on 'The Pros and Cons of a Future Life,' giving the arguments for and the objections to the doctrine, allowing my hearers to draw their own conclusions. With my present knowledge and my present convictions, I should have been able to fortify and strengthen the faltering faith of many in what I believe to be an important and helpful view of man's destiny, with no less, but even more success in battling against absurd and revolting dogmas."

Aphorisms on Effects.

Tears are effect, but their source lies in the heart. The effort to overcome vice evolves a virtue.

As human errors diminish thru the visions of love, they intensify thru ill-feeling or prejudice.

Ones own immediate future may be prophesied by his inclinations—the cause upon him being sensed as such and moves him to do certain things or make certain preparations that shadow forthcoming events or effects in which he or others will be concerned, according to the nature of the undertaking.

The higher the moral aim the higher the inspiration, for in conjunction with the former the mental vibrations assume form.

The effort to imbibe new ideas aids mental digestion.

A new truth well digested engenders another by assimilation.

An offensive defence gives an accusation verity.

Who tries to reform the world single-handed will be disappointed. Unification is reform per se.

Much of life's enjoyment is sacrificed in the chase after wealth.

The epicure may be judged by his culinary and the scholar by his literary tastes.

As kindly feelings generate intuition, the reverse darkens the intellect. Prejudice may lead to insanity.

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LAKE BRADY, OHIO.—July 3 to September 4. A. G. Keck, secretary, Akron, O.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT, Williams Bay, Wis., June 1 to October 1, J. P. Cooke, secretary, Williams Bay.

CHESTERFIELD, IND.—July 14 to Aug. 28, Flora Harden, secretary, Anderson, Ind.

MT. PLEASANT PARK, Clinton, Ia.—July 31 to August 28, Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksburg, Mo.

MAPLE DELL, O.—July 24 to September 1, Lucy King, corresponding secretary, box 45, Mantua, O.

UNITY CAMP, Sangus Centre, Mass.—June 5 to September 25, Mrs. A. A. Averill, secretary, 42 South St., Lynn, Mass.

FREEVILLE, N. Y.—July 23 to August 22, W. W. Kelsey, Pres., Cortland, N. Y.

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MEDIUMSHIP.

Its Effects Good Where Moral Health Obtains.

In response to a request for information as to the effects of mediumship, published in four Spiritual papers, data have been furnished the writer relative to 47 cases.

The different phases of mediumship covered by these data are represented as follows: Clairvoyance, 23; clairaudience, 19; inspirational speaking, 19; trance, 18; raps, 7; psychometry, 5; personation, 3; painting and drawing, 3; table tipping, 2; singing, 2; visions, 2; fire test, 1; materialization, 1; invention, 1.

Of the cases here referred to the data in five are incomplete.

Only two out of the whole number state that mediumship was injurious. One correspondent, however, cited four instances in which the results were declared to have been disastrous as follows: two became insane, and two committed suicide. Unfortunately, no means of verifying these statements was given, so that, they cannot be considered.

In one case (that of a private medium for trance, clairvoyance, clairaudience, raps, automatic writing and inspirational speaking) it is averred that the exercise of mediumship has had no effect whatever upon the medium, except a brief period of weariness immediately following.

In four cases, some benefit is claimed.

Thirty-nine cases report decided benefit.

It should, perhaps be stated that the writer has excepted the testimony of mediums themselves, where susceptible of verification.

If it could be demonstrated that the evolution and exercise of individual's psychic powers destroy his integrity, endanger his sanity, weaken his will, memory, or judgment, reduce his vitality, render self-control more difficult, impair individuality or otherwise injure or weaken him, his testimony might be properly considered incompetent. That proposition however, has not been established, but is directly controverted by the results of both observation and experience as herein hinted.

No one should be better able to estimate the effects of an experience (especially if subjective) than the individual who was subjected to it. Who could know a medium's condition—physical, mental, moral, and spiritual—prior to his mediumistic experiences—better than himself? Then unless his judgement is biased his mental vision clouded, or his moral nature perverted, he can accurately determine the effects and certainly is fully qualified to testify in his own behalf.

If he has been harmed—or if perhaps known others to have been injured by mediumship—it would seem that the highest and most sacred moral and benevolent consideration would lead him to so state, under such circumstances, silence could offer no reward, other than the avoidance of a publicity that might be painful.

On the other hand, the allegation of imaginary benefits could win no reward, so that to impute to the medium a desire to misrepresent in that way is gratuitous, unwarranted, unjust and prejudicial.

Brief notes concerning a few of the cases follow, the subject being indicated by a number.

No. 2 has heard voices since he was five (is now 69) and declares they have never deceived or misled him. Has been a public speaker for thirty six years, and credits spirit control, or mediumship, with all that is good in his life.

No. 5 was cured by mediumship, of using profanity, slang and tobacco. Is a public medium.

No. 19 has been an active medium for fifty years, and says for the past 45 years he has not experienced a day's illness. He also says that of the most numerous mediums with whom he has been personally acquainted he never knew one who had been injured by it.

No. 13 has been a public trance medium 46 years, with the most pronounced benefit. The information in this case is supplied by a relative, who is not a medium.

No. 9 has been a trance medium for more than 30 years, with good results.

No. 28, clairvoyant, trance, etc., for 25 years. Health excellent, but the exercise of mediumship and financial failure seem to have gone

together in this case. The data however, fail to show anything beyond a coincidence in this.

No. 29, thirty years a trance and inspirational speaker. Good health and no bad effects.

No. 30, a medium for various phases during 46 years, has suffered in health at times by contact with "vicious spirits." Her memory has been slightly impaired, and formerly was subject to periods of mental depression.

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Sunday, July 31, 10:30 a. m.—address by President, Frank H. Leshner. Lecture by Mrs. E. W. Sprague. Messages by E. W. Sprague.

2:30 p. m.—Lecture by E. W. Sprague followed by Mrs. Sprague with messages.

Monday evening 7:30 p. m.—Talks and message by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague.

Tuesday evening 7:30—Conference and messages by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague.

Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague will answer questions from audience followed by messages.

Thursday 2:30 p. m.—Soldier's day. Lectures by E. W. Sprague. Messages by Mrs. E. W. Sprague.

Sunday, August 7—10:30 a. m. Lecture by Mrs. Cora Morrill of Grand Rapids, followed by messages.

2:30 p. m. Lecture, followed by messages.

Tuesday, August 9—7:30 p. m. Mrs. Cora Morrill will give an address to arisen members and friends. Messages.

Sunday, August 14—10:30 a. m. Lecture by Mrs. Cora Morrill followed by messages.

2:30 p. m. Lecture, followed by messages.

Wednesday, August 17—7:30 p. m. Harry J. Moore will give an address on the "Signs of the times."

Friday, August 19—7:30 p. m. Harry J. Moore will give an address on the "Men of Today."

Sunday, August 21—10:30 a. m. Harry J. Moore will lecture. Subject—"The Woman of Endor as an Ideal Character and Medium."

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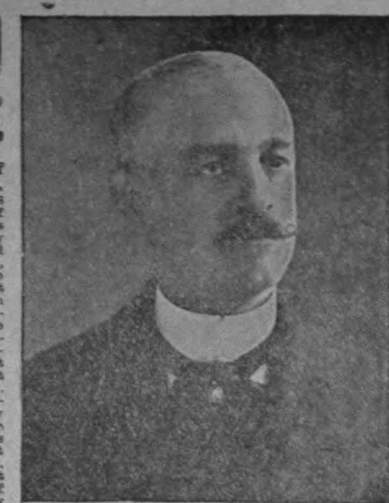
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